



# NEVADA STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

**\*\*\*PUBLIC NOTICE\*\*\***

## **BOARD MEETING**

**February 9, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**

AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:

*Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~ Conference Room  
2275 Corporate Circle, Suite 210  
Henderson, NV 89074  
Public Call in Number: 1-866-854-6779; Meeting Code: 7492532#*

***NOTE: Per Emergency Order 006 issued by Governor Sisolak on March 22, 2020, there will be no physical location for this meeting.***

***PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THIS MEETING AT THE BOARD'S OFFICE.***

## **\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\***

**I. CALL TO ORDER (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President, Roll call to determine presence of a quorum**

*Board Members:*

*Ronald Hedger, D.O.*

*Samir Pancholi, D.O.*

*Ricardo Almaguer, D.O.*

*Carla Perlotto, Ph.D., Public Member*

*Swadeep Nigam, MSc, MBA, Public Member*

*Board Staff:*

*Sandra Reed, Executive Director*

*Louis Ling, Esq., Board Counsel*

*Public:*

*Susan Fisher*

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**NOTE:** *Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.*

No Comments.

**III. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2021**

*(Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President*

Mr. Nigam made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021; seconded by Dr. Pancholi. There being no discussion, the minutes were approved by the Board.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA TO GRANT LICENSURE FOR OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

*Under this item the Board may consider the recommendations of the Executive Director and/or President/Vice President to grant licensure to the below listed applicants. The Board may remove any applicant's name from the consent motion, but may not discuss the contents of the application for licensure without the applicant present following proper notice pursuant to the open meeting law.*

**Osteopathic Physician Name**

*Imran Akbar, D.O.*

*Le Aye, D.O.*

*Andrew Cortez, D.O.*

*Amy Cruickshank, D.O.*

*Susan Cunningham, D.O.*

*Kathryn Gollotto, D.O.*

*Shannon McCarthy, D.O.*

*Alison McWilliams, D.O.*

*Brian Morgan, D.O.*

*Aaron Novotny, D.O.*

*Matthew Selleck, D.O.*

**Specialty**

*Emergency Medicine*

*Pathology*

*Nephrology*

*Pediatrics Hematology/Oncology*

*Radiology*

*Physical Medicine/Rehabilitation*

*Infectious Diseases*

*Pediatrics*

*Psychiatry*

*Pathology*

*General Surgery*

**Physician Assistant**

*Zhi Baker, PA-C*

*Katie Henkel, PA-C*

*Samantha Laub, PA-C*

*Vanvan Nguyen, PA-C*

*Rebecca Sparks, PA-C*

**Supervising Physician**

*Active-Not Working*

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*William McGee, D.O.*

*Mehrdad Ferdowsian, D.O.*

*Daniel Moses, D.O.*

Dr. Pancholi made a motion to approve the licensees as written; seconded by Dr. Almaguer. There being no discussion, the Board approved licensure.

**V. CONSIDERATION/ACTION OF FSMB EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

**GUIDELINES (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

The Board reviewed and discussed the draft Federation of State Medical Board (FSMB) document regarding medical board emergency preparedness. FSMB asked for medical boards to provide comments on the document. Ms. Reed noted February 10 was the deadline to submit any comments. The Board agreed with the recommendations made in the document. Ms. Reed will submit the Board's consensus of agreement to the document as written.

**VI. CONSIDERATION/ACTION TO ADDRESS FSMB GUIDELINES FOR THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF MEDICAL BOARDS (Discussion/For Possible Action) Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

The Board reviewed the draft FSMB Guidelines for the Structure and Function of Medical Boards. FSMB asked for medical boards to provide comments on the document. Ms. Reed noted February 15 was the deadline to submit comments. The Board discussed Section XIX: Physician Assistants, Administrative section, which indicated physician assistants may sit

and vote on all medical boards. Dr. Pancholi made a motion to agree to the document, with the exception of the Administrative portion of Section XIX, as the Board was not in agreement with that section. The motion was seconded by Dr. Almaguer. The Board approved submitting the comment, with Dr. Perlotto opposed.

**VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- a. *Financial Statements* – Ms. Reed reminded two Board members to review quarterly financial statements and return attestation form.
- b. *Licensing* – Licensing applications continue to increase. Ms. Reed spoke to the Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor to review general Board operations and the licensing process.
- c. *Staffing* – Tammy Stine retired in December, and Nikki Montano was promoted to Licensing Specialist. Kortney Kinzer was hired as the Administrative/Licensing Assistant.

**VIII. LEGAL REPORT (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Louis Ling, Board Counsel and/or Justin Taruc, Deputy Attorney General**

Mr. Ling stated NBOME is waiving the COMPLEX Level 2-PE requirement for graduating medical students for 2021; however, it should not impact licensing new applicants. Per NRS 633.311, applicants must pass all parts of the licensing examination of the NBOME. As they are not requiring the Level 2-PE exam, the Board may still license applicants who have not taken that exam. Mr. Ling also noted he spoke at a virtual CME event for UNR Medical School. Mr. Ling billed the Board for that time, but UNR will reimburse the Board for Mr. Ling's fees to prepare for and provide the presentation.

**IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (Discussion/For Possible Action) by Susan Fisher, Board Government Affairs/Lobbyist.**

Ms. Fisher noted that Ms. Reed gave a great report to the Assembly Committee of Commerce & Labor. Ms. Fisher attended a virtual meeting with Senator Spearman and members of the Governor's staff regarding Workforce Innovation. This group is looking at regulatory boards in Nevada and five other states to compare barriers and costs to licensing. A bill related to this matter will be forthcoming. Ms. Fisher also noted that bills related to a provider tax and telehealth/telemedicine will be coming, but the Board will most likely not need or want to take a formal stance on them. Mr. Ling and Ms. Fisher both updated the Board on a memorandum from the Attorney General's Office regarding the support or opposition by regulatory boards on legislative bills in 2021. According to the memorandum, a Board may only support or oppose a bill through discussion and motion on an agenda item during a public meeting.

**X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ACTION/UPCOMING AGENDA**

The Board asked to have an agenda item added to the next meeting to discuss issuing a formal invitation to the Nevada Physician's Assistant Association and licensees to come to a Board meeting to possibly become ad-hoc or public members. Mr. Ling will provide information on the rules of being a public member versus an ad-hoc member.

**XI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT on Board Business, Ronald Hedger, D.O., President**

Dr. Hedger asked for volunteers to attend the annual FSMB virtual meeting and volunteer to be House of Delegates voters as the primary and alternate members. Dr. Almaguer volunteered to be the primary. Ms. Reed will contact Dr. Mausling to be the alternate.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Comments.

Dr. Hedger made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Pancholi and approved by the Board.

**Minutes approved by the Board at the March 9 Board Meeting.**